

the Sun Room and south terrace will add to the comfort of visiting guests in search of physical relaxation. For those who enjoy entertainment, the plans for the President's dinner, on Tuesday evening, should have special allure. The programs to be distributed at Del Monte will give additional information.

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Military Exhibit by the First Medical Regiment of the United States Army.—Particular mention must be made of the generous coöperation of Colonel H. H. Towler and his staff of the First Medical Regiment of the United States Army, now stationed at Fort Ord in Monterey County, in making possible a special military exhibit—through a detail of more than 100 men in residence in tents on the Hotel Del Monte grounds, and with complete equipment—an exhibit permitting physicians in civil practice to inspect the medical facilities available at a front battle line. To Colonel H. H. Fowler, Colonel H. L. Krafft of the Ford Ord Post Hospital, and their associates, to Lt. Colonel David H. Myers of the Presidio of San Francisco, and other military colleagues who will take part in the programs, the Association expresses its sincere appreciation.

Elsewhere in this issue, appear the programs of the scientific proceedings. Readers are requested to scan these and make all possible effort to be in attendance for one or more days, at least. The time will be well spent!

PRE-CONVENTION BULLETIN—SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS AND REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Councilor Responsibilities Mean More Than Empty Honors.—During the twelve months which run their course from one to the next annual session, the work of the State Association is carried on by the Council,—a body consisting of the General Officers, the District Councilors and the Councillors-at-Large. Many members of the Association are not aware of the large amount of time and effort,—often at great sacrifice to personal and professional interests,—involved in Council membership. Especially is such the case, when complications concerning organization activities arise, necessitating extra meetings,—as has been instanced this year in relation to certain medical service problems. The Council meetings cover practically an entire day, no matter how rapidly or efficiently conducted. To that time, must be added the hours lost in travel,—for unlike Eastern commonwealths of lesser geographical area, California has long transportation lines. That the colleagues upon whose shoulders, through council membership, these responsibilities of organized medicine have fallen, do perform their duties so cheerfully and well, is a testimonial to the good judgment of the colleagues who elected them to high office; and in a more general way, is also a tribute to the altruism inherent in physicians who, as a group,

find pleasure in giving service to the best interest of their profession and fellows, as well as to their patients. The reports of Councilors, therefore, are little more than sign-posts that indicate many services, quietly rendered, whenever requested by local colleagues seeking advice or aid.

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Delegates Should Read Pre-Convention Bulletin Reports.—Which leads to the subject of the Officers' and Committee Reports appearing in the "Pre-Convention Bulletin" of this issue, and the importance of their perusal by delegate and alternate members of the House of Delegates. It must not be forgotten that the House of Delegates is the supreme governing body of the California Medical Association. Its policies, once enunciated, and its instructions, once given, must be carried out by the Council and the Component County Medical Societies. That is why it is important that all members of the Association, and particularly those who will take part in the deliberations of the House of Delegates, should take the time to scan and consider the progress reports appearing in the "Pre-Convention Bulletin." (See page 200.)

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Change of Printing Office.—The delay in mailing of the "Pre-Convention Bulletin" is due to several causes, among which may be mentioned the rearrangement of scientific programs, elsewhere referred to, and also the change of press for the OFFICIAL JOURNAL. For almost forty years, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE was printed in San Francisco by the same firm. The transition to a Los Angeles printer, operating with a separate mailer, with delays incident to transmission of instructions, copy and proofs through the mails instead of by local telephone and messenger, and the natural drawbacks which always exist until all parties concerned, in a somewhat complicated and exact job, work out a system mutually advantageous, may be mentioned as some of the factors accounting for a later mailing appearance. Until the new system becomes a habit with the present printer, the indulgence of members of the Association is requested. Every effort is being made to bring the OFFICIAL JOURNAL back to its former standards and schedules, and as rapidly as possible.

Other State Association and Component County Society News.—Additional news concerning the activities and work of the California Medical Association and its component county medical societies is printed in this issue, commencing on page 258.

Health is indeed a precious thing, to recover and preserve which we undergo any misery, drink bitter potions, freely give our goods; restore a man to his health, his purse lies open to thee. Robert Burton, *Anatomy of Melancholy*. Pt. iii, sec. i, mem. 2, subs. 1.